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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8224**  
Toru SUZUKI et al. : **Docket No. 2001-0554A**  
Serial No. 09/854,528 : **Group Art Unit 1731**  
Filed May 15, 2001 : **Examiner John M. Hoffman**

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PRODUCT AND  
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF : **Mail Stop AF**

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1731**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of July 30, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: